

Gallatin is Headed in the Right Direction

For the past several years, I have asked for your input on how well the City is doing and what you think Gallatin's priorities ought to be. Every year your responses help provide direction for the City including improvements, new programs, and new services.

More than 400 citizens responded to the 2014 survey. Is the City headed in the right direction? You overwhelmingly said yes—leaning toward “Strongly Agree”.

Your specific “top priorities” for the City varied, but overall you said you want to finish major road projects that will open up commercial development—and you want more recycling options as well as more sidewalks and greenways in all parts of town.

And, 95% of you prefer to get your news about the City either from this newsletter or email. Remember, you can sign up for email alerts by clicking the envelope icon on the City's website. To read your collective priorities and comments, please visit the website @ www.gallatinonthemove.com—and click on Your Government: Office of the Mayor. The 2014 survey results link will be on the right-side menu.

You don't have to wait for a survey, however, to share your ideas with me. You are welcome to email me at joann.graves@gallatin-tn.gov or call my office @ 451-5961 to talk or make an appointment.



Mayor Jo Ann Graves



“ECONOMIC CORRIDOR” OPENS

The new State Route 109 Gateway Bridge opened with fanfare—including Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Commissioner John Schroer, Mayor Jo Ann Graves, County Executive Anthony Holt, mayors and elected officials from Sumner and Wilson Counties, and many TDOT and local workers who have had a hand in the new bridge.

“This is an economic corridor for these two counties,” Schroer said. “On roads like 109, you tend to stay a little longer, and you tend to spend money in these communities, and this is how you attract businesses.”

“There are many special things about this new bridge,” Mayor Graves said. “One of the most special is that one of Gallatin's own – Henry Pate – designed this bridge.”

“This is going to be our time over the next 10 years where you see phenomenal job growth,” explained James Fenton, Director of Gallatin's Economic Development Agency. “No one invests in a community unless that community invests in itself.”

“I encourage people who don't normally travel that way to take a trip over the bridge—get out and walk over it,” Graves said. “It is truly unique.”

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Red White & Boom
 5K COLOR BLAST GALLATIN
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Gallatin will host its first Color Blast benefiting Greater Gallatin on June 28 in Triple Creek Park. Everyone is welcome to participate in Red White & Boom—a 5K powder race. Wear white! After the race there will be a big party. For details on time and to sign up, contact Greater Gallatin @ 452-5692.

3rd Thursday on Main: The Concert Season Begins!

It has become so popular that some folks have begun to plan their vacations around 3rd Thursday on Main.

“I think it has taken off more than anybody expected it to because it is so family friendly,” explained Donna Belote, Director of Greater Gallatin which sets up the free concerts. “You can talk to friends, listen to good entertainment, and spend time with family.”

The concerts begin at 6:30pm. They are free and open to the public. This year’s line up:

- May 15 – Channel Cats
- June 19 – The Parks
- July 17 – Adam Pope
- August 21 – The Springs
- Sept. 18 – Jonell Mosser
- October 16 – Savannah Jack

Call Greater Gallatin for more information @ 452-5692.



Hit the Play Button

If you’d like to watch your government in action, just hit the play button!

On the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month, you can now watch the Gallatin City Council Meetings live via video-streaming on the City website.

Go to:

Gallatinonthemove.com

Under “Your Government” click on the City Council-Council Meetings drop down. Hit the play button and watch.



July 4th
Music & Fireworks
Civic Center
Begins @ 6pm

Music at the Market—New Event This Year

The Mayor’s Community Enrichment Committee is launching a new event this year called Music at the Market. Music at the Market will be June 12th (praise), July 10th (bluegrass), and August 14th (jazz) - all from 6pm to 7:30pm. These, too, are free and open to the public. CapStar Bank in Gallatin is sponsoring this event. The concerts will be held at the Farmers Market on Franklin Street by the Gallatin Police Department. For more information on Music at the Market, contact the Mayor’s Office at 451-5961.

Civic Center & Triple Creek Park Hum with Activities

May

- ♦ 1 Red Cross Blood Drive 1– 6 pm
- ♦ 9 Relay for Life
- ♦ 16-17 Gallatin Coin Show
- ♦ 27 Summer Daycamp begins

June

- ♦ 5 Taste of Gallatin, 5-7 pm
- ♦ 7 Recon Run & Obstacle Course, 8 am
- ♦ 20 SC Tourism--Bass Tournament
- ♦ 28 Donna Belote Greater Gallatin Color Blast Run

July

- ♦ 4 Music & Fireworks
- ♦ 10 Red Cross Blood Drive 1– 6
- ♦ 11-12 Bold Enough Rodeo
- ♦ 12 St. Vincent 5k, 8-noon

For information, call the Civic Center @ 451-5911.